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Mr. William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL 1919 M Street Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

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Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, CC Docket 92-237; Nomination of Larry Berent for membership on the North American Numbering Council

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of DCR Communications Inc. ("DCR"), this letter serves to nominate Larry Berent of DCR to serve on the North American Numbering Council ("NANC").

As a prospective C block PCS licensee, DCR has a strong interest in every aspect of numbering policy, especially as it affects the rapidly expanding wireless community. As a small start-up business in the PCS industry, made up of numerous individuals with extensive experience with cellular, specialized mobile radio, and wireless long distance service, DCR would bring valuable experience and insight to the formation of numbering policy. DCR responds below to the application requirements set forth in Section (B)(5) of the August 9, 1995 Public Notice regarding nominations to the NANC.

(a) Larry Berent is Vice President, Corporate Services and Regulatory Affairs of DCR, a start-up company formed to bid for C PCS block licenses and offer PCS in a number of markets nationwide. Mr. Berent, who is an attorney, has held legal or management positions within the telecommunications industry for over 12 years. On the NANC, Mr. Berent would represent the interests of start-up companies that, by virtue of the delayed commencement of the C block auctions, will enter the PCS industry sometime in mid or late 1996.

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(b) Mr. Berent's address is as follows

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- (c) As a key managing officer of DCR, Mr. Berent is responsible, <u>inter alia</u>, for legal and federal regulatory issues involved in the construction and preparation of DCR's systems for operation. The executive management of DCR has accordingly tasked Mr. Berent with responsibilities that are affected by a plethora of numbering issues, including number availability, equal access to numbering resources and procedures for obtaining numbers.
- (d) DCR is an interested party because its ability to create a viable national network to provide PCS depends on the availability of numbering resources on a fair, efficient and timely basis. This is particularly so for start-up companies, such as DCR and other C block bidders, who will be forced to obtain their licenses and commence operations late in the game.
- (e) Mr. Berent and DCR will actively participate in good faith to pursue the objectives of the NANC.

DCR respectfully requests that the Commission accept the filing of this nomination after the deadline, because, DCR submits, filing any earlier would have been premature. DCR was formed solely for the purpose of offering PCS through licenses obtained in the C block auction. Like many of the C block licensees, DCR cannot begin offering PCS until the auction is complete and it is a high bidder licensed by the Commission. has no other telecommunications business for which numbering policy is relevant. In mid-September, when nominations were due, litigation made it uncertain when the C block auctions would take place and whether DCR and many other would-be C block participants would survive financially in the interim. that period, DCR was actively involved in efforts before the Commission and in litigation to move the C block auction forward. When the C block auctions finally commenced in mid-December, enabling DCR to bid for licenses that will become the basis for its business, the partial government shutdown prevented consideration of this nomination. As the bidding indicates, DCR

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has actively participated in the ongoing C block auction. This application has, therefore, now become timely.

Finally, in light of the federal shutdown, and because the Commission has not yet acted on the nominations, Mr. Berent's nomination will cause no disruption to the work of the NANC or hardship to other parties. For the reasons stated above, DCR believes that Mr. Berent can make a valuable contribution on behalf of an important new industry segment to the work of the NANC.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Richardson, Jr.

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